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NOTIFICATION

ADMISSION TO RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES (2023-24)

Applications are invited for admission to the following Research Degree Programmes at National Law School of India University (NLSIU):

1. Ph.D. (Law)
2. Ph.D. (Interdisciplinary)

ELIGIBILITY

(Subject to approval of the Governing Bodies of NLSIU)

Ph.D. (Law)

The following candidates shall be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. (Law) programme:

- a) Candidates having a 5-year/ 10-semester/ 15-trimester bachelor's degree programme in Law through regular mode from a recognized University having secured a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed (70% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL/Persons with Disability.)
- b) Candidates having a 3-year/ 6-semester/ 9-trimester bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B.) through regular mode from a recognized University having secured a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed (70% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL Persons with Disability); and
- c) Candidates having a Masters in Law degree (LL.M.) through regular mode from a recognized University having secured an aggregate of at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade (50% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL)/ Persons with Disability);

Provided that candidates in their final year of study in the respective degrees in (a), (b) and (c) shall be eligible to apply, subject to the candidate securing the minimum marks or equivalent grade prior to the date of commencement of the Ph.D.;

Ph.D. (Inter-disciplinary):

The following candidates shall be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. (Inter-disciplinary) programme:

- a) Candidates having a Master's degree in any discipline through regular mode with a minimum of 55% or equivalent grade (50% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL/Persons with Disability) and a Bachelor's degree from a recognized University through regular mode; or
- b) Candidates having passed the Company Secretaryship examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and been awarded Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS) *and* having completed a bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B.) from a recognized University through regular mode; or
- c) Candidates having passed the Chartered Accountants examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and been awarded Membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and having completed a bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B.) degree from a recognized University through regular mode; or
- d) Candidates having passed the Solicitors Examination conducted by The Bombay Incorporated Law Society and having completed a bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B.) from a recognized University through regular mode; or
- e) Candidates having a Master of Business Laws (MBL) degree from the National Law School of India University with minimum CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) of 4.00 and having completed a bachelor's degree from a recognized University through regular mode;

Provided that candidates in their final year of study in the respective degrees in (a) and (e) shall be eligible to apply, subject to the candidate securing the minimum marks or equivalent grade prior to the date of commencement of the Ph.D.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Application

- a) Candidates shall submit the application form duly filled up along with a research proposal of about 6-8 pages. The application form shall be available on the website of the University in the third week of January.
- b) The research proposal should contain:
 - a. Title
 - b. Statement of the problem and the background information on the subject
 - c. A brief outline of the research design including a set of research questions and the proposed methodology.

Application Fee

An application fee of Rs. 3000/- shall be payable at the time of submission of the application.

Last Date for Submitting Applications:

Applications shall be accepted till 11:59:59 pm, IST on **April 6, 2023**.

Admission Test (NLSAT-PhD):

The National Law School Admissions Test-PhD (NLSAT-PhD) will be held on **April 30, 2023** in specified centres across the country. The duration of the test shall be 150 minutes.

They NLSAT-PhD shall have the following scheme:

- a) Research Aptitude: 50 marks
- b) Essays/Answers on relevant topics pertaining to law/ other disciplines: 50 marks

Candidates securing not less than 50% marks on the aggregate in the written test will qualify for evaluation of their Research Proposal and making an oral presentation before a Panel of Experts on the date specified by the University.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS:

The maximum number of Ph. D seats for the Academic Year 2023-24 are **8 (Eight)**. This includes 4 in Ph.D (Law) and 4 in Ph.D (Interdisciplinary). The University reserves the right not to fill all the vacancies.

SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates will be selected based on the marks obtained by the candidate in the NLSAT-PhD, the research proposal, and the oral presentation. The weightage of each score component shall be as follows:

- a) NLSAT-PhD: 70%
- b) Research Proposal: 20%
- c) Oral Presentation: 10%

The dates for the oral presentation shall be announced after the completion of the NLSAT-PhD. They are likely to be held in June 2023. Classes for coursework component of the Ph.D. programme shall commence in the University on July 1, 2023.

REGULATIONS

Regulations governing the PhD programme are available on the University's website. Candidates should familiarize themselves with the requirements of the programme, before applying for it.

Date: 16.01.2023

N. S. Nigam
Registrar